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Sponsor:

Council Member Walsh AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 39 AND 40 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING CITY RETIREE AND CITY EMPLOYEE TIME-TO-PAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENTS OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, WATER/SEWER FEES AND MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS BY PENSION PAYROLL OR EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to amend Chapters 39 and 40 of the City Code to add provisions applicable to authorization for City retirees and City employees, respectively, to enter into time-to-pay arrangements with the City for pension or employee payroll deduction payments of delinquent City property taxes, water/sewer fees and motor vehicle violations.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.** Chapters 39 and 40 of the City Code are hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding to Section 39-7.1 and to Section 40-9 the following underlined language:

Sec. 39-7.1. Retiree time-to-pay arrangements for payment of delinquent city property taxes, [and] water/sewer fees and motor vehicle violations.

Retirees may enter into time-to-pay arrangements for city property taxes, [and] water/sewer fees and motor vehicle violations through pension deductions approved and administered by the City's finance director. Said payroll deduction arrangements shall include a percentage of the total amount owed and monthly payments sufficient to pay the total amount owed within 6 months.

Sec. 40-9. City employees' payment of delinquent property taxes, water/sewer fees, [and] motor vehicle violations and other obligations by payroll deductions.

... City employees may enter into time-to-pay arrangements for delinquent city property taxes, water/sewer fees and motor vehicle violations through employee payroll deductions approved and administered by the director of finance. Said employee payroll deductions shall include a down payment of a percentage of the total amount owed and monthy payments sufficient to pay the total amount owed within 6 months.

**SECTION 2.** Effective date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its date of passage by the City Council and approval of the Mayor.

First Reading ...... September 6, 2012 Second Reading..... September 6, 2012 Third Reading ..... October 18, 2012

Passed by City Council, Oct. 18, 2012

President of City Council 10/18

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Approved as to form this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012

First Assistant City Solicitor

Approved this Zslay of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Mayor

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**Synopsis:** This Ordinance amends Chapters 39 and 40 of the City Code to add provisions to authorize time-to-pay arrangements for City retirees and City employees to pay property taxes, water/sewer fees and motor vehicle violations by monthly payments or by payroll withholding following the payment of a percentage of the total amount owed. This type of payment arrangement is the same as is available to any citizen through the City Finance Department, minus the payroll deduction provision which is available only to City employees and City retirees.